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CINCUSAFE RAMSTEIN

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SUBJECT: \$5 MILLION EXCESS DRAWING RIGHTS PROGRAM

REFS: (A) LISBON 2336 (B) USCINCEUR ECJG- PE 10358

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1. EMBASSY/ MAAG OFFICERS CALLED AT FONOFF JUNE 25 TO REVIEW OUTSTANDING ISSUES IN DRAWING RIGHTS PROGRAM. FOLLOWING UP ON WRITTEN SUMMARY WHICH CHARGE PROVIDED FONMIN PATRICIO JUNE 20, MISSION OFFICERS ASKED STATUS OF TUGS AND EVACUATION HOSPITALS. IN MAKING PRESENTATION US OFFICIALS EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUED VIGOROUS EFFORTS ON BOTH SIDES TO CARRY OUT PROGRAM. THEY NOTED EXTENSIVE EFFORTS MADE BY US OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON AND BY US COMMANDS IN EUROPE. FONOFF OFFICIALS AGREED TO PRESS INTERESTED MINISTRIES FOR EARLY RESPONSE ON TUGS AND EVAC HOSPITALS.

2. TAKING UP LIST OF AVIATION ITEMS PRESENTED TO EMBASSY (REF A), MISSION OFFICERS STRESSED UNREALISTIC NATURE OF LIST, EXPLAINING THAT IT APPEARED TO BE A RETURN TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRE-1973 SCATTER- SHOT EFFORTS.

FONOFF OFFICIALS SAID GOP CONSIDERED HH-43 OPERATION COSTS
EXCESSIVELY HIGH, A JUDGMENT WITH WHICH MISSION OFFICERS
TOOK ISSUE.

3. FONOFF OFFICIALS AGREED TO CONSIDER AVIATION ITEMS LIST
AS HELD IN ABEYANCE FOR TIME BEING. PLANS WERE MADE TO HAVE
MAAG OFFICIALS DISCUSS TECHNICAL COST AND PERFORMANCE MATTERS
WITH COMPETENT GOP AUTHORITIES , IN EFFORT TO FIND OUT WHETHER
HH-43 INDEED UNACCEPTABLE. WE EXPECT THESE MEETINGS TO BE HELD
LATER THIS WEEK, OR EARLY NEXT.

4. IN MEANTIME, AND PENDING CONCLUSION OUR EFFORTS TO
RESOLVE HH-43 SUITABILITY PROBLEM, REQUEST AIRCRAFT
CONTINUE TO BE HELD FOR THIS PROGRAM.
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